

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ioan Sauciuc, et al.

Serial No. 10/749,359

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TWO-
PHASE START-UP OPERATION**

Examiner: Leonard J. Weinstein

Group Art Unit: 3746

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 2, 2008, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.